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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #24

Sherwood Boehlert

“We are really happy with the (Partners for Fish and Wildlife) Program and enjoy our wetland. The neighbors also enjoy the wildlife it attracts” said Jackie Keenen about the wetlands restored on her property 10 years ago. Ms. Keenen is one of the 2,200 in New York who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore wildlife habitat on their lands. Through its innovative Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Service provides technical advice and funding to help landowners like Ms. Keenen realize their goal of making their land a better place for wildlife and in the process a better place for themselves.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments In Congressional District 24

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	105
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	1507
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	281
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored	6.6
Number of Sites Restored	179
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	301
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	40

Accomplishments

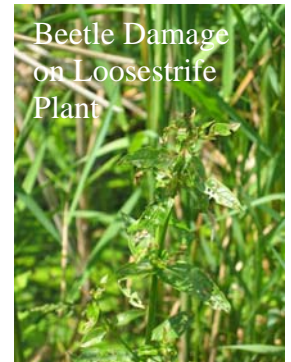
New York State's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners Program has been very active in Congressional District 24 restoring all types of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the landowners as well.



Purple Loosestrife

Many projects in Congressional District 24 involve the removal of invasive species, like purple loosestrife. Galarucella beetles are released on projects where purple loosestrife has taken over. The beetles only eat purple loosestrife which stresses the plant enough to allow other native wetland plants to grow in the project area. Over 800 beetles were released this year on John Van Neil's Wetland Restoration project.

Next year, the Service will harvest beetles from Mr. Van Neil's project to release on other wetland restoration projects in the District.



Beetle Damage
on Loosestrife
Plant

Goals

- To restore 5,000 acres of wetland habitat for waterfowl, water birds, and song birds.
- To restore 2,000 acres of grassland habitat for grassland nesting birds like the bobolink.
- To restore 10 miles of streams using natural channel design including Spafford Creek, Owego Creek, and Susquehanna River for the benefit of wildlife and water quality.

Partners

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